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Effective June 1, 2015.

**AUTHORITY OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO AUTHORIZE AN INJECTION
WELL USED FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL TO BE
USED FOR THE DISPOSAL OF NONHAZARDOUS BRINE
PRODUCED BY A DESALINATION OPERATION OR
NONHAZARDOUS DRINKING WATER TREATMENT
RESIDUALS**

CHAPTER 297

H.B. No. 2230

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to authorize an injection well used for oil and gas waste disposal to be used for the disposal of nonhazardous brine produced by a desalination operation or nonhazardous drinking water treatment residuals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 27, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 27.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 27.026. DUAL AUTHORIZATION OF INJECTION WELLS TO INJECT NONHAZARDOUS BRINE FROM DESALINATION OPERATIONS OR NONHAZARDOUS DRINKING WATER TREATMENT RESIDUALS. (a) The commission may authorize by individual permit, by general permit, or by rule a Class V injection well for the injection of nonhazardous brine from a desalination operation or nonhazardous drinking water treatment residuals into a Class II injection well that is also permitted by the railroad commission under Subchapter C.

(b) The commission and railroad commission by rule shall enter or amend a memorandum of understanding to implement and administer this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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**COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL VOTING SYSTEM
STANDARDS**

CHAPTER 298

H.B. No. 2900

AN ACT

relating to compliance with federal voting system standards.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: